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SUBJECT: POLISARIO MESSAGE TO HASSAN II

1. THE LIBYAN PRESS MARCH 11 PUBLISHES THE TEXT OF A MESSAGE DATED MARCH 8 FROM WALI RAGIBI, SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE POLISARIO FRONT, TO KING HASSAN. THE MESSAGE CONTINUES THE TONE OF ISLAMIC OBSURANTISM WHICH MARKED QADHAFI'S RECENT EXCHANGE WITH KING HASSAN.

2. AS WE READ THE MESSAGE, THERE IS LITTLE NEW IN IT, BUT WE ARE STRUCK BY ITS FREQUENT REFERENCES TO QADHAFI AS THE POLISARIO'S CHIEF PATRON. THUS THE SAHARAN PEOPLE ARE SAID TO HAVE FACED SPANISH IMPERIALISM "WITH THE SUPPORT OF THE FIRST OF SEPTEMBER REVOLUTION AND ITS HEROIC LEADER, COLONEL MU'AMAR AL QADHAFI, THE KEEPER OF ARAB NATIONALISM, MAY GOD REWARD HIM". THIS OR SIMILAR LANGUAGE OCCURS IN SEVERAL PASSAGES, WHILE THERE IS ONLY ONE REFERENCE TO ALGERIA:

"THE MEETING BETWEEN THE KEEPER OF ARAB NATIONALISM,

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THE HERO COLONEL MU'AMMAR AL-QADHAFI, AND HIS GREAT

BROTHER, PRESIDENT HOUARI BOUMEDIENE, WAS TRULY A BLOW  
TO IMPERIALISM..."

3. RAGIBI CLOSES BY CALLING IN KING HASSAN TO RECOGNIZE  
HIS SAHARAN REPUBLIC, AND "TO STAY OUT OF OUR  
PHOSPHATES, IN PREPARATION FOR COOPERATION, EVEN  
THOUGH THIS MAY LEAD US TO GIVE MORE THAN WE WOULD  
TAKE". THE POINT OF THIS SEEMS TO BE TO STATE THE  
READINESS OF THE POLISARIO TO NEGOTIATE THE EXPLOITATION  
OF SAHARAN PHOSPHATES WITH KING HASSAN, ON CONDITION THE  
KING AGREES TO RECOGNIZE THE POLISARIO GOVERNMENT.

4. COMMENT: RAGIBI'S MESSAGE WAS PRESUMABLY DESIGNED  
TO CURRY FAVOR WITH QADHAFI, WITH WHOM HE MET THE DAY AFTER  
IT WAS SENT, AND AT THE SAME TIME TO INSERT THE POLISARIO  
INTO THE QADHAFI-HASSAN EXCHANGE WHICH HAD BEEN GOING ON  
OVER ITS HEAD.  
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